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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is a copy of an Official Communication issued in a corresponding Chinese Patent Application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the Official Communication from the corresponding Chinese Patent Application and a completed Form PTO-1449.

Applicants have had this translation prepared by a professional translation service and Applicants presently have no reason to doubt that the translation is

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accurate. However, Applicants have not independently verified the accuracy of such translation, and accordingly, submission of the same should not be taken as a binding admission by Applicants that the translation is accurate.

The relevance of the references CN 2125985U and CN 87200778U is discussed in the text of the First Office Action.

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I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement, and that this is the first citation of these prior art references by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application. Accordingly, no fee is necessary for the filing of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages, including the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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